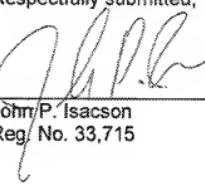


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-57 are pending in the application. The abstract is fully supported by the original specification and the international publication no. WO 2005/074619. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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